

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

7:30 P.M.

**Commission Chambers
Governmental Center, 2nd Floor
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

PRESENT: Vice-Chairperson Jody Bergman, Commissioners Michael Dow, Janet
Fleshman, Cecil McNally, Chairperson John Serratelli, and Bill Twietmeyer
ABSENT: Commissioners Jeanine Easterday, Janice Warren and Tim Werner
STAFF PRESENT: Russ Soyring, Planning Director; Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering
Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Serratelli at
7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Serratelli requested that items 4 and 5 on the agenda be reversed in their
discussion order. With no objections from the Commission, 'Recreational facilities' moved
to agenda item 4 and NACTO moved to agenda item 5.

Mr. Soyring announced that the emergency shelter ordinance amendment was introduced
at the City Commission and will be back on their agenda in 2 weeks for possible enactment.

Mr. Soyring also announced that the City Commission also authorized the 8th Street
Restriping request.

Mrs. Luick announced that the Traverse City Public Pier Request for Qualifications were
due last week and the City received 7 proposals. Staff and the Traverse City Public Pier
Study Group will review the proposals, hold interviews and make a recommendation on
the selected consultant to the City Commission.

**4. 'RECREATIONAL FACILITIES' REVISED ZONING DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS
(DISCUSSION)**

Mr. Soyring explained his June 13, 2014 memo to the Commission.

Commission discussion.

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The following made public comment on the topic:

- Ed Roy, 412 S Union Street, non-city resident, supports the recommendations

Staff will revise the recommendations based on the discussion and bring it back to the Commission at a future meeting for further consideration.

5. NACTO 'URBAN STREET DESIGN GUIDE' POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENT (ACTION REQUESTED)

Mr. Soyering explained that the current Infrastructure Policy cites the "Context Sensitive Solutions in Designing Major Urban Thoroughfares for Walkable Communities" as a technical resource. The Planning Commission is being asked to consider that the NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide" be recommended to the City Commission for its inclusion as a technical resource in the City's Infrastructure Policy.

Mr. Soyering gave a presentation regarding the NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide."

Commission discussion included holding off on making a recommendation and studying the document further. The topic will be brought back to the Commission at a future meeting for further consideration.

6. MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyering summarized his June 13, 2014 memo to the Commission and explained that Commissioners Bergman, Dow and Twietmeyer served on the Master Plan Review Committee.

Commission discussion.

There was commission consensus that the Future Land Use Map proposed changes made sense.

There were some concerns regarding changing the HAME "standard" language to "guideline." There were concerns with the core principles and goals on pages 5-6. In addition, the use of the word "neighborhood" needs to be better explained. The intent of transition zones between neighborhood types should be discussed further by the Committee.

The Master Plan Review Committee will reconvene and bring a revised recommendation back to the Commission at a future meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

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8. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 1, 2014

Jan Warren *RS*
Jan Warren, Secretary